Enquiry into complaints of corruption in MTNL

† 2487. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received by him and the Minister of State for Communications and Chief Vigilance Officer for conducting an enquiry into corruption prevalent in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi and Mumbai from General Secretary, Bharatiya Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited Karamchari Sangh and the Members of Parliament during the 1 st April, 2000 to 20th July, 2001;

(b) the outcome of enquiry conducted separately on each letter;

(c) whether it is a fact that instead of conducting an enquiry all the complaints have been dumped into the cold storage;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not by when the action will be taken by conducting an enquiry against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OFSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Details of complaints received and action taken are indicated in Annexure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Action taken is indicated in the Statement.

Statement

Action taken in the enquiry against culprits

SI. No.	Details of the Complaint	Action Taken
1.	Complaint dated 5.5.2000 from Shri Raghuraj Singh Shakya, MP (RS) regarding irregularities in tendering for procurement of Uniform and Shoes for MTNL Staff.	Preventive action was taken on the basis of the complaint of the Hon'able M.P. and procurement was subsequently done following open tender process.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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2.	Complaint dated 16.5.2000 from Bhartiya Telephone Employees Union Class II! regarding huge commission from Contractors for laying cables and maintenance of faulty cables.	Matter was inquired into. No allegation was proved. However, general instructions issued by GM (Vig.), MTNL Delhi regarding maintenance of proper records for laying of cables and conducting test checks.
3.	Complaint dated Nil from Bhartiya Mahanagar Telephone Karamchari Sangh regarding accident of General Secretary, MTNL Staff Union while using official vehicle etc.	The allegations have been inquired by the CVO MTNL. The matter is under consideration of the Competent Authority.
4.	Complaint dated 23.10.2000 from Dr. Bali Ram, MP (LS) against Shri S.P. Khullar. GM (Trans), MTNL Delhi and Shri Avtar Singh, Chief Accounts Officer regarding irregularities in clearing bills of a black listed company.	The matter was inquired. The allegations were not found to be true. However, on administrative reasons Shri Avtar Singh, Chief Accounts Officer was transferred from the office of GM (Trans).
5.	Complaint dated 11.11.2000 from Shri P.C. Thomas, MP (LS) regarding misuse of ISD/STD .ines	Raids were organized by the Vigilance Wing in coordination with CBI and cases have been registered in cases where misuse had been detected.
6.	Complaint dated nil from Bhartiya Telephone Employees Union Class. Ill regarding corruption, nepotism, arbitrariness and insubordination prevailing in Legal Cell, MTNL Unit.	The matter is being examined by the Vigilance Wing, MTNL Delhi.
7.	Complaint dated 5.12.2000 from Dr. Bali Ram, M.P. (LS) regarding alleged irregularities in digging of trenches for laying cables and in distribution of telephone directories in MTNL Mumbai.	CBI has registered a case against 11 officers of MTNL for irregularities in digging of trenches. Regarding irregularities in the distribution of telephone directories disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the 3 officials involved.

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8.	Complaint dated 25.1.2001 from Smt. Toofani Saroj, M.P. (LS) regarding corruption in Guldham Exchange, Mumbai.	Matter was inquired. No. case of corruption was proved.
9.	Complaint dated 4.2.2001 from Shri Pappu Yadav, M.P. (LS) regarding engaging contractors for trenching/ cable laying by relaxing terms and conditions of tender.	The matter has been inquired. The allegations had not been found to be true.
10.	Complaint dated nil from Bhartiya Mahanagar Telephone Karamchari Sangh regarding alleged irregularities in the purchase of diary by MTNL Delhi from MTNL Staff Union.	The allegations have been inquired by CVO MTNL. The matter is under consideration of the competent authority.
11.	Complaint dated 29.6.2001 from Dr. Bali Ram, MP. (LS) regarding foreign travel of Smt. Rashmi Kakkar, Sr. Telephone Operator posted as APS to CMD.	The matter is under examination
12.	Complaint dated 29.6.2001 from Dr. Bali Ram, MP (LS) regarding alleged irregularities in the purchase of 30 Maruti 800 cars in MTNL under self driving scheme.	The matter is under examination
13.	Complaint dated 29.6.2001 from Dr. Bab' Ram, MP (LS) regarding misue of MTNL funds by Management on unproductive and wasteful expenditures.	The matter is under examination
14.	Complaint dated 3.7.2001 from Dr. Bali Ram, MP (LS) regarding misuse of financial powers by DGM (Fin.) GM (Fin.) and Director (Fin.) of the Corporate Office of the MTNL.	The matter is under examination.